

Next Generation[®] Breeding Hobble System

This hobble design was taken from a set of hobbles at Spendthrift Farm in Lexington, KY from back in the early 1960's. These hobbles were designed to be used on every mare bred with no questions to be asked for the strict safety of their stallions. If a mare is going to act out, you want to make sure that your stallion does not risk the opportunity of getting hurt; this chain design prevents the opportunity of a mare kicking out.

Initial Setup and Adjustment

1. Slide the shoulder strap/breast collar around the neck and adjust to where the stainless steel ring is centered between the front legs.
2. The **Next Generation[®]** Breeding Hobbles are offered with two sizes of hock guards,
 - a. Regular: for horses 15.2 and taller.
 - b. Small: for horses 15.1 and shorter.
3. Be sure to purchase the best fitting size so that the hock guards do not accidentally slide down the leg after they are snapped in place around the hock.
4. It may be in your best interest to keep both sizes of hock guards on hand so that you will be able to fit any sized mare that may require breeding hobbles.
5. Place a hock guard around each hock and snap in place with the snap ring, make sure the two (2) rings are locked together on the front of the hock.
6. The **Next Generation[®]** Breeding Hobbles include two (2) extended lengths of 3/8" steel chain. You can cut and fit the chains to fit the average body length of the breed of horse you intend to breed or leave the extra lengths present. The extra length will hang between the front legs.
7. Hook each chain from the stainless steel rings on the front of the hock guard and then hook the chain into the stainless steel ring on the breast collar. Repeat this so that both hock guards are individually hooked directly into the stainless steel ring on the shoulder strap/breast collar.
8. Adjust each of the steel chains according to the length of the mare in a normal standing position so that she can walk without incidence.
9. It is recommended, that the head person use a long 36" or greater hickory stick twitch and a leg strap around the mare's pastern in order to maximize control in an attempt to prevent a calamity.
10. Secure the twitch in place on the mares nose and/or ear, whichever works best for the given situation
11. A simple tug on the leg strap moving her hoof an inch or two in the handler's direction will make her instantly afraid of falling down.
12. Hold the twitch in your left hand and the leg strap in your right
13. With this configuration, she should not attempt to kick out unless she is a real panic case and then you may need to consider a different mode of insemination.
14. We do not recommend sedating a mare prior to cover, consult your veterinarian accordingly.

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Exodus Breeders Corporation cannot and will not assume responsibility for the actions of livestock and/or humans while using the Next Generation[®] Breeding Hobble System; breeding livestock is dangerous.